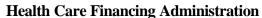
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FROM: Director

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SUBJECT: Interpretive Guidelines For Outcome and Assessment Information Set (OASIS) -

INFORMATION

TO: Associate Regional Administrators, DMSO

President, Association for Health Facility Survey Agencies

Attached to this memorandum is a copy of interpretive guidelines to assist regional offices and State survey agencies in implementing OASIS in home health agencies participating in the Medicare/Medicaid program. This informational copy of the interpretive guidelines is currently under review for final clearance and publication as a State Operations Manual publication revising the current Appendix B, Interpretive Guidelines - Home Health Agencies. We will make an electronic copy of this guidance available to OASIS staff in each region and State for their reference.

If you have any questions about these instructions, please contact Tracey Mummert at 410-786-3398 or Mary Weakland at 410-786-6835.

/s/

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Attachment